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RE: Amendment E to patent application 09/340,172

Thank you for reviewing patent application 09/340,172.

In response to the office action letter regarding patent application 09/340,172 mailed on November 19, 2004, the applicant encloses an amended set of claims and this letter.

The amended set of claims has the following changes:

Claims 78, 84, and 85 have been amended.

The applicant respectfully submits the following comments in response to the office action:

1. In the interest of making the claim set ready for allowance, claims 78, 84, and 85 have been amended to be dependent claims upon claim 44, which has been previously allowed.

2. Minor wording changes to 84 and 85 to assert a limitation without use of the word "can" have also been included.

The applicant respectfully submits that the currently amended claims should be allowable over the prior art.

The applicant has reviewed the references cited in previous office actions. These references do not appear to describe the presently claimed inventions and do not appear render the claimed inventions to be obvious in any way.

The applicant is available at telephone number 408-927-7940 to discuss this application.

Thank you for your review of this application and thank you for your help.

Very respectfully,

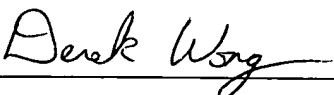


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